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FULTON, MO., MAN SENTENCED FOR CHILD PORNOGRAPHY

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Fulton, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for possession of child pornography.

Mikel P. Sweeney, 33, of Fulton, Mo., was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Scott O. Wright this morning to two years and three months in federal prison without parole.

On Sept. 26, 2004, **Sweeney** pleaded guilty to being in possession of computer files that contained visual depictions of minors engaging in sexually explicit conduct.

On Jan. 4, 2002, Fulton police officers and members of the Missouri State Technical Assistance Team conducted a search of **Sweeney's** residence and seized a computer, Graves said, after receiving reports that **Sweeney** had images of child pornography on his computer. Investigators found images of a minor female engaged in sexually explicit conduct, which **Sweeney** had received via the Internet.

This case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Lawrence E. Miller. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Missouri State Technical Assistance Team, and the Fulton, Mo., Police Department.

This news release, as well as additional information about the office of the United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, is available on-line at

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